

Slaughter speaks about diversity at commencement

Praising the strength that lies in diversity, University of Maryland Chancellor John Slaughter told members of Gallaudet's Class of '88 that the recent movement for a deaf president was an example of the power of the deaf community, and he predicted that the nation is on the brink of a breakthrough which will lead to greater opportunities for all segments of society.

"Our nation cannot and will not remain vital and strong unless we ensure that everyone—male and female, black and white, hearing and deaf—has an opportunity to contribute," said Slaughter in his May 14 commencement address.

The protests at Gallaudet brought a national focus to the strength of the deaf community, Slaughter told graduating students. "You became involved in helping to set the future of this great University. Most importantly, you communicated both within and outside the deaf community, proving that the only barriers to full participation in American society are ignorance and lack of access."

The ability to communicate, said Slaughter, "is an attribute of the mind and spirit, not the vocal cords and the auditory system." The largest barriers to communication are prejudice and ignorance, he noted.

"We cannot respond to the beauty and wisdom of another culture's language unless we are educated to value diversity and to look beyond ourselves and our own community for insights and perspectives," he said. "You at Gallaudet University have taken a major step in opening people's minds and hearts."

Slaughter spoke of the special bond between Gallaudet and the University of Maryland, noting that Maryland has about 30-40 deaf students studying on its campus. Of the recent collaboration between the two universities on the play "Children of a Lesser God," he said, "Members of our campus community involved in that production have told me that the experience changed their lives. They learned more from Gallaudet students in a few weeks than they had learned in years of formal education."

After struggling against many obstacles, the nation is on the brink of a breakthrough to "a period of vitality and exuberance that will blow away the conservatism and cautiousness of the '80s," said Slaughter.

"And in no areas of our society is the tension between the forces of change and the inertia of tradition more apparent than in education and the opportunities it provides."

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(LEFT) President I. King Jordan addresses Gallaudet's Class of 1988 at commencement exercises May 14. (ABOVE) University of Maryland Chancellor John Slaughter speaks about "Strength in Diversity" during his keynote speech.

Class of '88 graduates May 14

Applause greeted Dr. I. King Jordan, Gallaudet University's first deaf president, as he stepped forward on the Field House stage to begin the University's 119th commencement exercises on May 14.

"This is a magnificent day!" Jordan told graduating students, their families, and friends. "This is a class that will continue to demonstrate the potential, the ability, and the determination of Gallaudet graduates throughout the world—a world that is now looking at you with new understanding."

Jordan said he actually began his remarks to the graduates a few weeks earlier when he told students that there was nothing a deaf person couldn't do

except hear.

"I was expressing a belief that I have lived with throughout my adult life ... the belief that a Gallaudet graduate can do anything," said Jordan.

Jordan closed his opening statement by acknowledging his trust in the continued success of the graduates to create environments in which hearing and deaf people can work together as colleagues.

"It is only through working together that we can make sure that all deaf people have the opportunities that belong to us all," he said.

By the end of the ceremony, Jordan had awarded degrees to 270 graduates of the Class of '88, including 13 associ-

ate of arts degrees in interpreting/transliterating, 141 bachelor's degrees, 102 master's degrees, and 10 specialists in school psychology degrees.

This year's only doctor of philosophy degree, in special education administration, was awarded to Vera Follain-Grisell.

Katharine Lovette and Ruth Rhody both received educational specialist degrees.

Jordan awarded the first bachelor's degree ever to go to a hearing undergraduate student at Gallaudet. Gregory Haretos, who had previously received an associate of arts degree from Gallaudet, received his bachelor's in psy-

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Board approves master's program

The Gallaudet University Board of Trustees approved a new master's degree program in interpreting, tenure and promotions for faculty members, and modifications in MSSD's graduation requirements at its meeting held May 12-13.

The new master of arts degree in interpreting, a two-year program scheduled to begin next fall, will be offered through the Department of Linguistics and Interpreting in the School of Communication. The purpose of the program, which focuses on sign language interpreting, is to provide quality interpreter education centered on the

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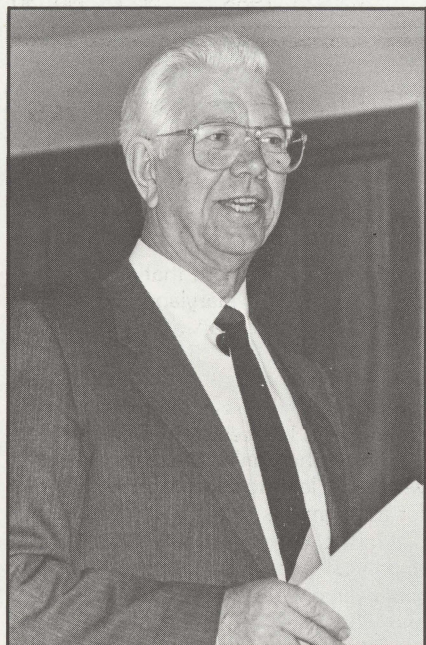


Students express their pleasure at graduating from Gallaudet University after commencement.

Deaf member of Parliament lectures on job discrimination in England

Job discrimination against deaf people in British society has become so ingrained that reformers trying to change the trends have encountered "a world of silence enveloped in a fog of indifference," according to Jack Ashley, the only deaf member of Parliament.

Ashley, who holds an honorary degree from Gallaudet and is a strong lobbyist for equal rights for disabled



Jack Ashley

Slaughter delivers graduation address

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Using as an example the experience of the black community, Slaughter commented that although the proportion of black students graduating from high school has never been higher, the proportion of black high school graduates enrolling in and graduating from college has declined steadily in recent years. But the education community is now working to diversify student bodies, faculties, and curricula through more aggressive recruitment programs and increased cooperation among the various levels of education.

"We know that the education of all students is incomplete if it is so narrowly defined that it excludes an understanding of and an appreciation for the rich diversity that is our society's greatest strength," he said.

As the first black engineer that he had ever known of, Slaughter said that while he faced barriers to accomplishing his goals, he also received encouragement and support. "I have been fortunate to have had careers as both an engineer and an educator, but also, I hope, in finding ways to open the door of opportunity a little wider for the generations that have followed mine."

Slaughter urged Gallaudet's new graduates to pursue their goals and their education as lifelong learners. "I also urge you to shoulder your share of the responsibility for the next generation, and in so doing, help to break down the barriers of exclusion that threaten the well-being of every member of society," he said.

"It is a time for all of us to invest in the process of using our diversity to strengthen rather than fragment our society," said Slaughter. "To shoulder this burden requires enormous determination and strength, characteristics that each of you has demonstrated."

people in his country, spoke to a Gallaudet audience May 11 about what he called the "shocking" prejudices in Britain's job market against disabled people, and a recently undertaken campaign to change attitudes and offer more employment opportunities. His talk was sponsored by the Gallaudet Research Institute.

The push for equal rights for Britain's disabled population followed a report to Parliament last November by the Royal National Institute of the Deaf (RNID) in London, where Ashley was recently appointed the first deaf president.

The results of the report confirmed what Ashley said that he had suspected for some time—that British trade unionists and other employers do not think deaf people are capable of holding responsible positions and, instead, thrust them into unskilled, menial jobs.

Other discoveries in the RNID's study were that deaf people in Britain are not given adequate opportunities to learn skilled trades, job discrimination is not illegal in Britain, and government agencies such as the Manpower Service Commission do not have trained communicators.

"I was shocked and outraged by these dismal findings," Ashley said. "I think you would be horrified to learn that there are only 63 interpreters for 50,000 signing people in all of Britain."

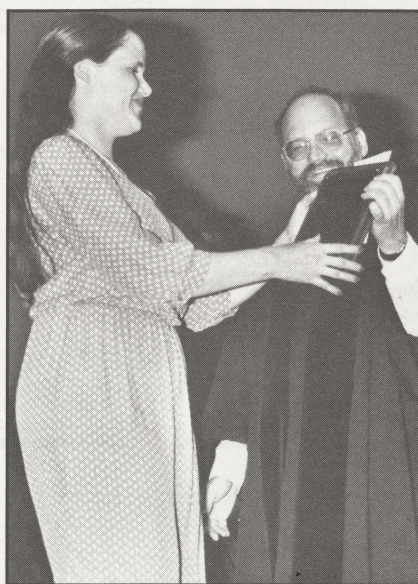
The RNID's report has prompted a campaign seeking to end discrimination, dispel myths about deafness, and begin training programs for deaf people, said Ashley.

"I'm not pretending any miracles will happen in Britain," he said. "We're not going to solve the problem overnight. I think deaf people here will understand how deeply entrenched attitudes are [about deafness]."

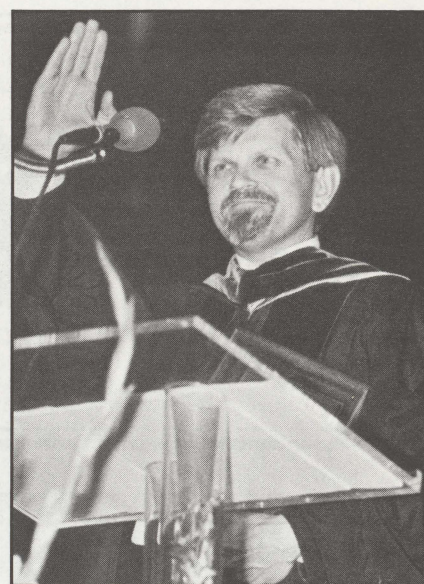
"But in Parliament, there has been a quickening of interest in the problems of the deaf and communication services for the deaf, and that's a big advance."

Ashley said he hopes the campaign will lead to increased expectations of deaf people. "It is important for deaf people not to slip back to the second class status they had when the campaign ends, but to use it as a springboard. Deaf people will never be free until they enjoy the same opportunities as others."

Ashley said that he believes the appointment of King Jordan as president of Gallaudet "will indirectly affect jobs for deaf people in Britain because it shows that deaf people are capable of fulfilling responsible jobs."



(LEFT) Dr. Patrick Cox presents Vera Follain-Grisell with the Outstanding Service Award for Graduate Service at the graduate school hooding ceremony held May 13. (RIGHT) Dr. Ray Trybus is honored for his service to Gallaudet.



Faculty, students honored at hooding

The Council on Graduate Education, on behalf of the graduate faculty, honored Dr. Raymond Trybus for his 17 years of service to Gallaudet on May 13 at Gallaudet's Graduate Hooding and Awards Ceremony, along with 14 outstanding graduate students.

Trybus, who will leave Gallaudet in July to begin his duties as associate provost at the California School of Psychology, was recognized as a psychologist, researcher, the first dean of the Gallaudet Research Institute and Graduate Studies and Research, and for initiating the yearly hooding ceremony in which Gallaudet recognizes its outstanding graduates.

Dr. William McCrone, a professor in the Department of Counseling, was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Faculty Member Award from Graduate Studies and Research for the exemplary amounts of quality service he has provided to Gallaudet graduate programs over the years.

In the School of Education and Human Services, Department of Education, Frances Pesciotta and Patricia Wismann-Horther received the Daniel Cloud Award.

Jean Piquette received the Helen Fay Award as the student most likely to make significant contributions in the field of teaching hearing impaired children. Siri Wine received the Marjorie Stull Memorial Scholarship Award to recognize the ability and aptitude in teaching deaf students she has shown in her first year. Dinaz Adenwalla received the William Zappetini Scholarship Award, given to a second-year student for academic excellence and for

participation in student organizations.

The Department of Counseling awarded Jennifer Tweddle its Mima Bravo Award for her demonstrated aptitude for and commitment to counseling deaf people.

The School of Communication Award went to Carol Powell and Elizabeth Winston.

The Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Department honored Ruth Schnitzer with its Seltzer League Award for her demonstrated academic and clinical excellence.

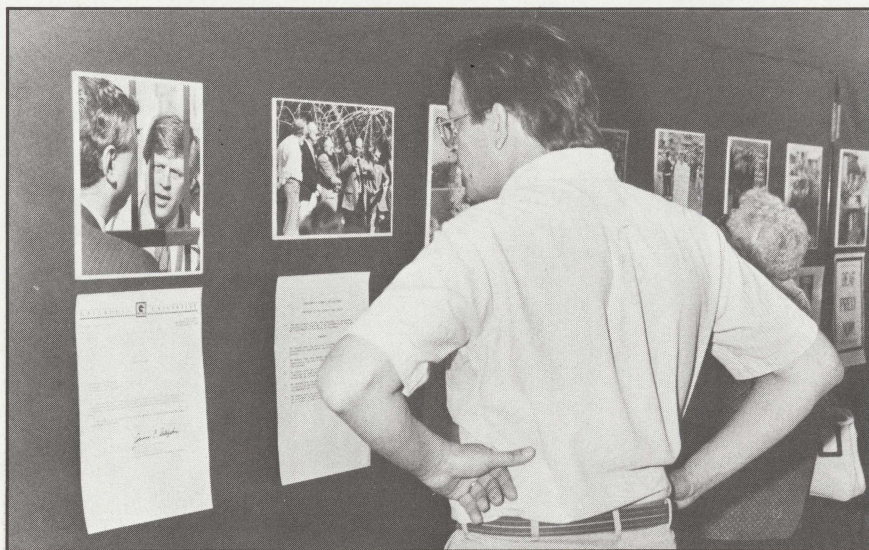
In the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Psychology, Suzette Garay received the first Elizabeth Peet Award, to be awarded yearly to an outstanding school psychology student.

Graduate Studies and Research awarded its Outstanding External Collaborator Award to Dr. Lucille Beck for her exemplary support of Gallaudet graduate programs over the years.

Elizabeth Winston and Olugbemi Olubodun received the Graduate Student Research/Writing Award, given to students who have written papers that are outstanding contributions to the field of deafness.

Lisa Smeallie received the Graduate Student Achievement Award as an outstanding student and exemplary contributor to the field.

Vera Follain-Grisell received the first Outstanding Service Award for Graduate Service in recognition of her work as assistant to the council and graduate dean as well as her scholarly work in her doctoral degree program.



Graphic artist Jan Skrobisz views a special exhibit about the Deaf President Now protest week of March 6-13, which has been on display in the Ely Center multi-purpose room for the past two weeks.

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Board approves tenure, promotions

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mastery of communication-based skills. Tenure was awarded to the following University faculty members: Julia Albertine, home economics; Deborah Krichbaum, home economics; Fat Lam, mathematics/computer science; Mary Malzkahn, government; Harry Markowicz, English; Jimmy Calloway, physical education and recreation; and Francis Duffy, administration and supervision.

The following Pre-College faculty members were also awarded tenure: Paul Helm, MSSD driver education; Reginald King, MSSD industrial education; Elyse Schochet, MSSD business education; Charles Welsh-Charrier, MSSD English; Melvia Nomeland, KDES primary; Margaret Simpson, KDES intermediate; and Vanessa Wilson-Favors, KDES communication specialist, speech.

A number of University faculty promotions were also approved by the board. The following faculty members were promoted to professors: Barry Crouch, history; Howard Egan, mathematics/computer science; Judith Johnson and David Martin, education; Thomas Allen and Thomas Kluwin, educational foundations and research; Scott Liddell, communication; and Sally Revoile, graduate studies and research.

The following were promoted from assistant to associate professor: Eugene Bergman, Terry Coyle, Shirley Shultz, and Bruce White, English; Joseph Kinner, history; Barbara White, sociology

and social work; Roger Beach and Patrick Brice, counseling; and Anita Marchitelli, Barbara Pomeroy, and Kathleen Zaccagnini, physical education and recreation.

Promoted from instructor to assistant professor were Paul Setzer, art; Edward Wilk, business administration; Kathryn Baldridge, physical education and recreation; and Carol Deninger, communication.

The modifications in MSSD's graduating requirements increase the number of courses required in certain subject areas and reduce requirements in others. Social studies will become a three-year requirement instead of two, and there will be no reductions in English, mathematics, and science courses. Minimum credits required for graduation will become 18.5 instead of 21.5.

The board also accepted changes in the University Faculty bylaws which were approved by the faculty last October. They included changing the name of the Collegiate Faculty to University Faculty, including mail ballots for run-off elections, and revised procedures for amending the faculty guidelines.

Graduate Fellowship Fund grants were approved during the board meeting. Grants will be awarded to Donald Bangs, Emmanuel Ojile, Mara Anne Pace, Bonnie Ryan, Kathleen Samuel, Carolyn Stern, Roberta Cordano, David Curry, Tom Holcomb, Andrea Sam, Barbara Tate, and Phillip Trotter.



The Class of 1988 poses on the steps of Chapel Hall for a group photograph after commencement exercises held May 14.

Degrees awarded at commencement

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chology and sign communication. Jordan also awarded the first certificate in engineering technology, a one-year program in the College of Arts and Sciences, to Renato Sindicic.

Six graduates received their bachelor's degrees with honors. Larry Stroup received his degree with highest honors, summa cum laude. Lisa Battershell, Raymond Luczak, Todd Malzahn, Margaret Overath and Linda Smeader received their degrees with honors, cum laude.

John Slaughter, chancellor of the University of Maryland, College Park, addressed the graduating class. Board of Trustees Chairman Philip Bravin presented Slaughter with a plaque honoring him as a special friend of Gallaudet.

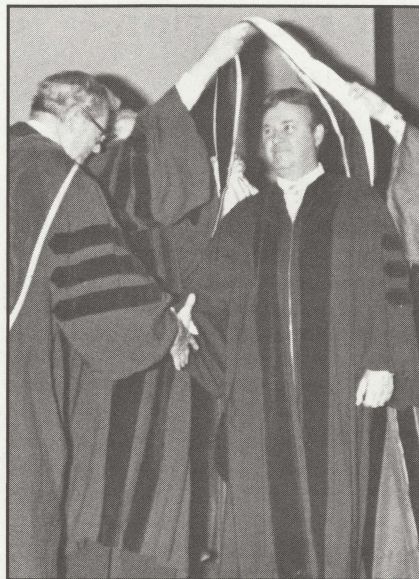
Acting Provost Ann Davidson recognized three retiring faculty members. Assistant Professor Carol Garretson

and Associate Professor Shirley Stein of the Communication Arts Department are retiring with 20 and 31 years of service respectively. Associate Professor Angelo Corte of the Art Department is retiring with 15 years of service.

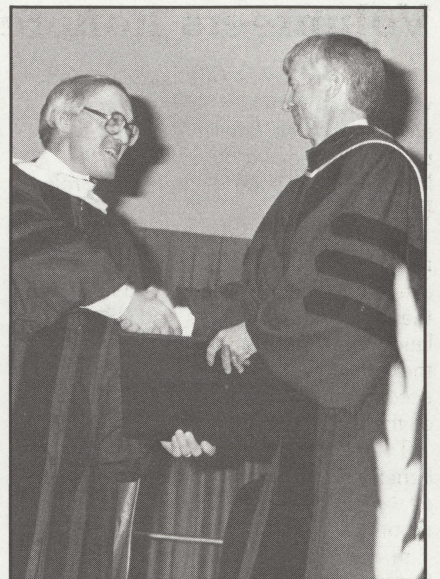
Jordan and Davidson presented doctor of humane letters degrees to Bernard Bragg and Jack Gannon for their outstanding contributions to the deaf community. Dr. William Stokoe received a doctor of letters degree for his research in sign language.

Dr. Edward C. Merrill Jr., Gallaudet's sixth president, was unable to attend the commencement ceremonies because of illness in his family. He sent his warmest greetings, however, to the graduates and their families.

Before the benediction and recession began, Jordan invited the graduates to an open house at his home. He told the graduates, "Come home often."



(LEFT) Merv Garretson congratulates Bernard Bragg as he receives his honorary doctoral degree. (RIGHT) Jack Gannon is congratulated by President Jordan after receiving his honorary degree. Dr. William Stokoe also receives an honorary degree.



Three awarded honorary degrees

Three of Gallaudet's own—Bernard Bragg, Jack Gannon, and Dr. William Stokoe—were awarded honorary degrees at this year's commencement exercises on May 14.

President King Jordan, Acting Provost Ann Davidson, and Special Assistant to the President Merv Garretson presented Bragg with the doctor of humane letters degree. Garretson said that the degree was awarded "in recognition of [Bragg's] continued contributions to art, education, and communication."

A 1952 graduate of Gallaudet, Bragg was commended as a teacher, lecturer, workshop conductor, author, playwright, and co-founder of the National Theatre of the Deaf and its Little Theatre of the Deaf.

After studying under world-famous mime Marcel Marceau, Bragg performed throughout America and Europe. Years later, he served as artist-in-residence with the Moscow Theatre of Mime and Sign Language. Bragg's autobiography, *All the World's a Silent Stage* will be published by the Gallaudet University Press.

Jordan, Davidson, and Dr. Gerald "Bummy" Burstein, president of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, presented Gannon with the doctor of humane letters degree.

Burstein commended Gannon as an "outstanding alumnus, a powerful advocate for all deaf persons, an eloquent speaker and writer, and above all, a warm and sensitive human being whom we are proud to know as one of our own."

A 1959 Gallaudet graduate, Gannon was recognized for his student activities as editor of *The Buff and Blue*, *The Tow-*

er Clock, and the *Gallaudet Record*.

Today, as executive director of Alumni Relations and Advancement and executive secretary of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, Gannon carries a legacy of 15 years of overseeing Gallaudet's public relations and publications, including the weekly employee newspaper *On the Green*, and the award-winning quarterly magazine *Gallaudet Today*.

Among his many accomplishments is Gannon's 500-page comprehensive history of the American deaf community—*Deaf Heritage, A Narrative History of Deaf America*.

Jordan, Davidson, and Dr. David Armstrong, director of the Office of Budget and Auditing, presented Dr. William Stokoe with the doctor of letters degree, honoring him as a man "who has helped immeasurably in reducing the bonds of cultural and language oppression among deaf people."

In 1960, Stokoe began his controversial studies into the linguistic nature of American Sign Language. His research eventually brought the sign language of every nation a needed measure of recognition and dignity and created unprecedented waves in international schools of linguistics.

In 1971, Stokoe became director of the newly established Linguistics Research Lab at Gallaudet. He later began a new journal, *Sign Language Studies*.

Stokoe was honored at the National Association of the Deaf Convention in 1980 with a book of essays in his honor, *Sign Language and the Deaf Community*.



Graduates, families, and friends relax by the statue of Edward Miner Gallaudet after commencement. A reception was held on the mall after the ceremony.

Volunteers honored at reception

Gallaudet's corps of volunteers and volunteer supervisors were honored along with their families May 13 with a reception followed by a viewing of MSSD's production of the play "Broken Promises."

The fete, which was held in conjunction with National Volunteer Week, was a tribute to the "invaluable service" that the 58 active volunteers and 35 Gallaudet staff members who supervise them give to the campus community, according to Cindi Olson, coordinator of the Gallaudet Volunteer Program.

Twenty-five campus departments benefit from the more than 800 hours of work that the volunteers give each month.

In addition to the money that the University saves from their work, the volunteers, for example, have made it possible for the Visitors Center to offer more tours, for the Tutorial Center to expand services to Gallaudet students, and for the Communication Center at

Northwest Campus to stay open much longer.

"I want to thank and pay tribute to all the volunteers who believe in all work and no pay!" Gallaudet President King Jordan quipped at the reception.

"Many volunteers are attracted to Gallaudet because of their interest in learning sign language, and once they become involved in volunteering they realize how much there is that Gallaudet has to offer," Olson said.

The volunteers and volunteer supervisors were given pins with different colored stones to denote years of service to the campus. Diamond pins were awarded to Dave Peikoff, who has volunteered more than 10 years in the Alumni Relations and Advancement Office, and to Arlynn Joffe, senior information specialist with the National Information Center on Deafness, for founding a formal volunteer program at Gallaudet in 1982.



President King Jordan meets with Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), a member of Gallaudet's Board of Trustees, at his Capitol Hill office May 10 to discuss Gallaudet FY 89 budget and for Jordan to brief the senator on the opening of Gallaudet's new center on deafness in Honolulu.

Kings Dominion plans Deaf Awareness Day

A special performance by the Model Secondary School for the Deaf will be one of a number of activities scheduled for Deaf Awareness Day '88 at Kings Dominion on June 4.

Special shows, exhibits, interpreters, and discount tickets will highlight the day. Exhibits located under the Eiffel Tower will represent various agencies working with hearing impaired people.

Interpreters will be located at the guest services and first aid areas, and several of the live shows will be interpreted, including "Fantasy," which will be presented at the Mason-Dixon Music Hall.

Advance tickets will be available to groups of 10 or more people for \$10.50 per person. Individuals can purchase tickets at Kings Dominion on June 4 for \$11.50, a discount from the normal admission charge of \$16.95.

For additional information, call (804) 876-5000 or write Kings Dominion, Deaf Awareness Day, Doswell, VA, 23047.

Announcements

The Mental Health Research Program of the Gallaudet Research Institute has moved its offices from KDES and College Hall to Chapel Hall (the room that used to house Alumni Relations). Personnel located in Chapel Hall are Dr. Barbara Brauer, Barbara Willigan, Dr. Anthony Wolff, and Denise Dahlin Radecke. Their phone numbers are x5645, x5446, and x4645.

The Merrill Learning Center recently announced its summer hours:

- May 23-24: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- May 25-Aug. 5: Sunday, 1-8 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
- July 4: Closed.
- Aug. 6-26: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, closed.
- August 27-28: Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Center's board of directors as this year's recipient of its Activist Award for her involvement in the Deaf President Now protest week. According to Ellen Shell, acting executive director of the center, the award normally goes to women community activists, and the actions by Bourne and the students in general "were so inspiring that we wanted to recognize that."



Volunteers Dick and Ruth Phillips, Alan and Flo Crammatte, and Izzy Zisman talk with volunteer coordinator Cindi Olson at a reception held for volunteers on May 13.

Among Ourselves

Dr. T. Hoy Booker, assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics, sponsored a student presentation at a recent Mathematics Association of America meeting at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md. Student presenters in Booker's history of mathematics class—Brenda Call, Robert Blair, Joe Hartung, Roy Siskind, and Eric Tomas—titled their presentation, "The Mathematical Creativity of Ancient Civilizations."

Dr. R. Orin Cornett, professor emeritus at Gallaudet, received the Nitchie Award in Human Communications for his development of Cued Speech at the 78th annual meeting of the New York League for the Hard of Hearing held recently at the City University of New York. A system for identifying speech sounds by making signs at the lips, Cued Speech has helped some deaf children to learn spoken language more easily. With the help of native speakers of various languages, Cornett has adapted Cued Speech to 40 languages and dialects. Cornett is developing a wearable, speech-analyzing computer based on Cued Speech that would aid deaf people in lipreading.

Gallaudet student Bridgetta Bourne was selected by the D.C. Rape Crisis



Dallas Chen (right) shows Carla Shird her project on comparing soils at KDES' annual Science Fair, held May 9-13. The record 96 entries included projects from the Child Development Center through middle school. First place awards went to Haley Evans, Dwayne Woodard, Ayuk Ogork, Ryan Leon, and primary teacher Cathy Norton's class. All participants received certificates.

Classified Ads

WANTED: Nonsmoking female to share fully furnished 4-BR house w/mature professional in Silver Spring, Md., June 12-Aug. 28, \$325/mo. plus util. Call 439-3015 (V) or 454-5766 (V).

FOR SALE: Antique-look roll-top desk, very good cond., \$200; matching chair, \$10. Call Lori Small, 345-6642 (TDD) 9 a.m.-noon.

WANTED: Female student to share 2-BR apt. w/2 women, private room, in Hyattsville, Md., available June 1. Call Cheryl, 699-3172 (VTDD).

FOR SALE: Bedroom furniture set, inc. double mattress w/box spring, dresser, night table, and desk, \$500. Call 699-3172 (VTDD).

FOR RENT: 2-BR townhouse w/2-1/2 baths, modern kitchen, near Takoma Metro. Call 726-6257 (V).

FOR SALE: White wood bunk beds w/nearly new mattresses, seldom used, \$200/BO. Call Cindi, x5606.

WANTED: Nonsmoking housemate to share townhouse in Seabrook, Md., w/pool, available immediately. Call 794-5758 (TDD).

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT:
Library

LABORATORY ASSISTANT: Biology
Department

ADMINISTRATION AND BUSINESS INTERN: Administration and Business
Department

PROGRAM SPECIALIST/CONTEST
COORDINATOR: Deaf Way